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STAFF CONFERENCE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's  
Conference Room, Administration Building  
Wednesday, 21 November 1951, at 1100 hours.

General Smith Presiding

Present

Allen W. Dulles, Deputy Director  
Frank G. Wisner, Deputy Director for Plans  
Walter R. Wolf, Deputy Director for Administration  
25X1 [redacted] Jr., Executive Assistant to the Director  
Colonel Chester B. Hansen, Assistant to the Director  
25X1 [redacted] Advisor for Management  
James M. Andrews, Asst. Director for Collection and Dissemination  
Colonel Matthew Baird, Director of Training  
H. Marshall Chadwell, Asst. Director for Scientific Intelligence  
Brig. Gen. Trubee Davison, Director of Personnel  
25X1 ~~Mr.~~ [redacted] A/Chief, Technical Services Staff, O/DD/Plans  
Perry Johnson, D/Asst. Director for Communications  
25X1 Col. Kilbourne Johnston, Assistant Director for Policy Coordination  
[redacted] D/Asst. Director for Special Operations  
William L. Langer, Assistant Director for National Estimates  
Max F. Millikan, Assistant Director for Research and Reports  
James Q. Reber, Assistant Director for Intelligence Coordination  
25X1 [redacted] Office of Deputy Director for Plans  
25X1 [redacted] D/Assistant Director for Operations  
Maj. Gen. Willard Wyman, Asst. Director for Special Operations

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25X1 1. Mr. Wisner made the following report on his recent trip  
with [ ] and [ ]

Turkey

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25X1 [ ] Mr. Wisner felt that things in Turkey were  
on a sound basis, the economy had taken strides forward and the  
political situation appeared stable. [ ] 25X1

Greece

[ ]

25X1 Major General Hart may become the new head of the  
United States military mission. He was briefed by Mr. Wisner  
[ ]

The internal Communist situation seems to be fairly  
well in check and they have gone underground. In this relation  
the contrast between Greece and Italy is very marked.

Italy

Unless present trends are reversed, the Italian situation  
could be lost to the internal Communist threat. Americans in  
Italy, however, are aware of this, are beginning to forget their  
differences and are showing more signs of working together.

The economic situation is poor, the tax collection  
methods are bad and both are being exploited by the Communists.

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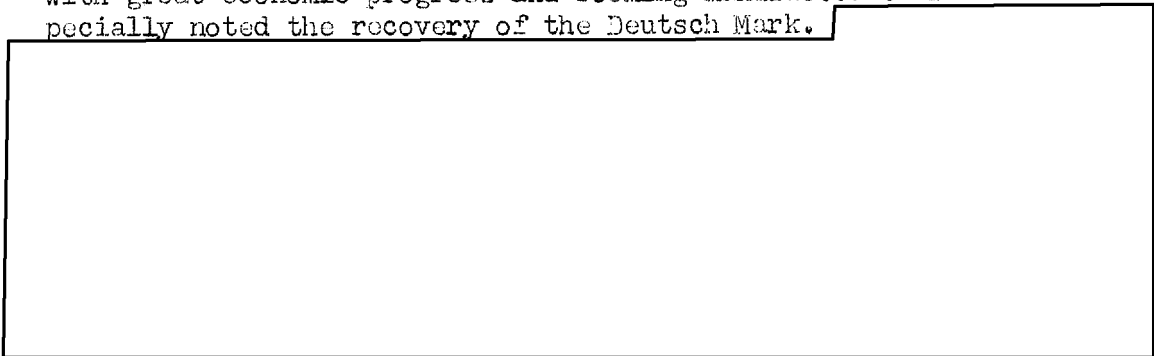
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Conversations were held with Admiral Carney in regard to war planning in respect to Greece and Yugoslavia. Mr. Wisner feels that the question of bringing Greece and Yugoslavia directly together for war planning has been recently forgotten by the United States and the British. Perhaps this is due to an unexpressed fear that if they get together they might decide to partition Albania.


Germany

Mr. Wisner found the German situation very impressive, with great economic progress and booming manufacture. He especially noted the recovery of the Deutsch Mark.



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CIA's mission in Germany is vital intelligence-wise. The occupation forces are dependent on early intelligence warning and CIA's responsibility is great. The OB intelligence on the Eastern Zone and also parts of Poland is excellent. Troop movements are normally known within three days.



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France

The internal Communist situation is still strong but not as bad as in Italy. The French argue constantly on a legalistic basis about Communists and declare that the Communist Party is still a legal party.



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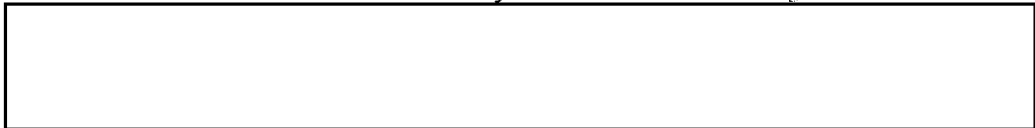
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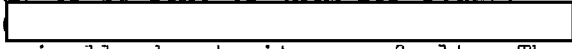
Holland and Belgium

The situation is badly scrambled in Belgium but



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nature. Mr. Wisner arranged for copies of our National Security Act of 1947 to be sent to them for study.

 is having a bad time, principally due to its own fault. They have been publicizing CE matters and have been criticized by the newspapers.

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General

In general, Mr. Wisner had the impression that CIA was gaining in maturity and stature. There is greater acceptance of CIA by American officials abroad and the Agency contribution is recognized. This presents an increased responsibility to live up to this recognition. Mr. Wisner feels strongly that uncoordinated trips through Europe and the Middle East must cease. Such trips in the future must be coordinated through the Office of DD/P and the Senior Representatives advised.

2. The Director endorsed Mr. Wisner's comments on coordinated travel. As a matter of procedure, when anyone less than an Assistant Director is traveling, coordination in the future will be effected through the Office of DD/P and the Senior Representatives will always be consulted. Any other clearances such as those for military theaters will be obtained. Deputies or Assistant Directors when traveling will not have to clear with the Senior Representatives but, as a matter of courtesy, should advise them.

3. General Davison stated that although all Offices in CIA were "screaming" for personnel he had discovered that some 800 files were presently on the desks of Division Chiefs and some of them had been there as long as two months. He asked that the Assistant Directors get these moving. The Director asked General Davison to look into the cause of this delay and report to him.

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4. The Director mentioned a confidential memorandum which had been circulated to the Assistant Directors and the contents of which had evidently been "leaked". The Director is worried about our security and feels that there is too much conversation on all levels.

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